

**W**hen are we going to be out of this calamity [mess]? God's people have been asking this question, generation after generation. Do you really think things will ever get better? Pain sharpens the senses. We must not waste the wounds. What are you doing to make the most of this moment in time to grow in your awareness of the presence of God? What is God doing to give us a "singleness of heart and purpose"? *Remember: "The fear of the Lord is a constant awareness that he is watching and weighing our every thought word and deed."* What are you doing to **practice the presence of God?**

***Lord, give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name***  
(Psalm 86:11)

***Lord, I'm listening*** (Deut. 4:9-10)

***Lord, I really want to understand*** (Proverbs 2:1-5)

***Lord, help me recognize what you are up to*** (John 5:17)

***The gaze of my soul is on you Lord*** (1Timothy 4:7; Romans 12:1-2)

### ***Personal Application and Conversations***

1. What have you (and our church) lost during this pandemic?
2. What makes you think things are ever going to improve?  
(Psalm 42:5)
3. What does a pure heart have to do with seeing God and how do I get there?
4. What is your plan and practice to effectively and consistently listen to God's word?
5. In what ways have you been growing in your understanding of God's word?
6. What are you doing to notice what God is up to in your neighborhood? What are you doing to join Him in it?
7. With whom are you sharing great thoughts of God and how is that changing your understanding of God's presence?



# The Fear of the Lord

## **Practice the Presence of God**

**Jeremiah 32:38-41**

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